(a) whether the Central Drugs Standard Control Organization has recently unearthed a racket at Chennai Port involving the use of fake labels and invoices to ship spurious Chinese drugs into Indian cities;

(b) if so, the facts and details thereof;

(c) whether the consignments of fake drugs have since been seized at Chennai port;

(d) if so, whether Government has taken up the matter with the Chinese Government/firms on fake drugs; and

(e) if so, response of the Chinese Government/firms thereto?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) to (c) During the recent past, three cases of import of bulk drugs from unregistered source originating from China were detected at Chennai sea port by the officers of Central Drugs Standard Control Organisation (CDSCO). The following bulk drugs have not been released from Chennai Port:

1. Roxithromycin- 500 Kgs

2. Progesterone - 400 Kgs

3. Cimetidine - 2000 Kgs.

The Central Drugs Standard Control Organization, Chennai office which investigated the matter, has requested "Absolute Confiscation and Prosecution" in these cases to customs authority.

(d) and (e) The CDSCO has taken up the import of these drugs to India with registered manufacturers in China who have informed that they have not manufactured the drugs which have landed at Chennai Port.

Medi-claim policy for Government employees

774. SHRI RAJNITI PRASAD: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is considering to provide medi-claim policies to Government employees;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) how the scheme will benefit them and by when it is likely to be implemented; and

(d) which companies have shown interest in the proposal of Government?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) to (d) The Sixth Central Pay Commission recommended the introduction of health insurance scheme for Central Government Employees and pensioners. It had recommended that for existing employees and pensioners, the scheme should be available on a voluntary basis subject to their paying